

#THE CONTACT

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH // MAY 2025

May 2025

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God's Dream House

What if you have a passion for hospitality—you just love to gather together with friends around good food, drink, and conversation. Your day job is as a book editor for a major publishing house with an emphasis on mapping out what the reading public is looking for in their next great read. In order to stay with your publisher, you have to be in the office 3 days a week and work remotely the rest of time, but that does mean you have to relocate closer to say, Indianapolis.

So you're house hunting. You find what you think might be the perfect home. It's a home built back in a time when entertaining meant a big kitchen and a spacious dining room. Your prospective home has both as well as just the right kind of character, rich woodwork, hardwood floors, and a number of quirky architectural touches that are right up your alley. You can't help yourself. You make an offer, it's accepted and the next thing you know you're moving in.

The previous owners obviously loved to entertain as well, but as they got older, they got less and less interested in keeping things up. As you invite a variety of neighbors and folks from church to your first book club meeting (which is your crafty way of doing market research), you discover that the air conditioner has seen better days. It's a hot evening and with the thermostat turned down as low as it will go, you're only able to keep it a few degrees cooler than outside.

The beautiful vintage gas range includes an oven that has zero sense of temperature. You set your cake in it to bake and the next thing you know the smoke detector is going off because it's magically shifted to broil. And your dishwasher only works when you wash the dishes BEFORE you put them in. Yes, it is an older home, but the built-in sconces which were so charming to the eye, flicker on and off throughout the evening.

The book club and planned tasty dessert end up being a fiasco. You spend all your time making adjustments that you never hear what they are saying about the author you're thinking of signing to your publisher. Worse still, your food is so bad that you end up serving store bought cookies with your coffee and tea.

Your house is still your dream home, it's just going to require a second mortgage to rewire the electricity, replace the appliances, plug the small but persistent leak in

the roof, and update the heating and cooling. You just wish things had been addressed when they came up. Until you get the underlying structural problems reignited, you really can't pursue your passion or use your home to carry out your job.

Hopefully, by now you've heard something about this spring/summer's Capital Campaign, Renovate and Elevate. The motivation for the campaign is to get caught up in repairing, replacing, and upgrading the systems that make up our building and grounds. It is just too hard to take care of the routine maintenance as well as salaries, programs, worship, and other ministries out of our yearly operating budget. We have ended up delaying maintenance on a number of our core structural and mechanical needs and now we've gotten to the point at which we cannot put them off any longer.

Just like in the illustration I shared above, our inability to heat and cool, to keep dry, to keep safe, and to repair what is no longer working efficiently or at all is getting in the way of our passion and our purpose. We need to get back to doing the Lord's work in ministry and to do that we need to raise \$1.6 million dollars over the next three years to get us back where we need to be. If we can do that, then we will be able to focus more fully on our passion for God and our purpose of making disciples for Jesus Christ. And we can do it without having those resources siphoned away for building issues.

I am encouraging the entire congregation to ask, "Lord, how do you want to use me in this?" Sue and I have been praying that prayer for several months already to try and discern what kind of sacrificial gift we can offer. We're doing that because this is vital. We're doing this because what we have done and are doing is life changing. On top of that, we appreciate those who've come before us who have made sacrifices of their own to help fulfill God's purpose in this place—through this church.

You'll be hearing a lot more about this in the coming weeks. Please listen and consider what is being said and what is being asked. I believe we can meet our goal and surpass it. I believe we have everything we need at Carmel United Methodist Church to honor God and serve others and to make our Lord and Savior proud.



Pastor Tim

CHURCH UPDATES

PRAYER CONCERNS

CUMC E-PRAYER CHAIN: If you would like to receive the list of prayer needs, and be a prayer warrior for CUMC, please [CLICK HERE](#) for a simple form, adding you to the list of **PRAYING PEOPLE**.

If you have a prayer request for the team to pray for, send it in email to Ed King, edking722@gmail.com. These prayer concern are for the e-list only. If it is a concern you would wish to have announced in worship, see NEXT info.

PRAYER MENTIONS in WORSHIP are separate. You must let Sue Burchill, sburchill@carmelumc.org, know the concern, and we must have permission from the immediate family in order to mention any prayer concerns during worship.

Pay for Parking?



If you see paid parking signs going up closest to City Center and the Restoracy Cottages, do not be alarmed! Our parking lot will always be free and open to anyone using our church building and Mission House.

While the addition of City Center businesses, Palladium performances, the annual Christkindlmarkt and other special events help make our community a vibrant one, it has also increased wear and tear on our parking lot. In response to an increase in non- church parking, we are using a QR code and secure webpage to collect credit card donations that will help offset maintenance costs.

For special events expected to draw large crowds, such as the CarmelFest parade or the fireworks on July 4 holiday, there's also an opportunity to raise funds for church ministries and missions! The suggested donation price can be increased and parking lot entrances blocked off to collect cash donations. If your group is interested, please contact our Church office!

Joys & Concerns

In celebration of...

- William Worley who was baptized on April 13, 2025
- Brooklynn Hamlett who was baptized on April 26, 2025
- Dagny Campbell who was baptized on April 26, 2025
- Griffin Saunders who was baptized on April 26, 2025

With Sympathy to the family of...

- Jim Halle who passed away on April 24, 2025.

Mark your calendars:

- May 1: Thurs. UWF Tea Party
- May 11: Sun. Mother's Day
- May 14: Wed. Music End-of-Year Dinner
- May 17: Sat. Prayer Vigil 8am-8pm
- May 25: Sun. Summer Worship Times Begin
- May 28: Wed: Circle City Ringers at 6pm
- May 31: Sat: Cross Missions Trip begins
- June 8: Sun. Celebration Sunday
(9am & 10:30 Blended Worship Services)
- June 8: VBS begins (Sun-Wed Eves)



GIVING STATEMENTS

Are printed and available for pickup at the welcome desk on Sundays or in the office during church office hours.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

If you are not receiving communications from the church, whether it be in email or through the postal mail, please take a moment and UPDATE your information by filling out a **lavender form** at the WELCOME DESK! When you have completed the form, mail it to the church, or drop it in the DROPBOX (on the outside wall of the office). We will be happy to update it for you! If you would like an email version of the **"UPDATE MY INFO"** form sent to you, send an email to Marty Fryman at mfryman@carmelumc.org and you can send your completed form back by email.



Works in Progress: 2025 Building Projects

In the March and April Contact newsletters, your Trustees and Facilities Staff summarized the \$830,000 in major building projects completed over the past four years and the funding sources used. That brings us to the ongoing projects for the current year, 2025.

Preschool and Sunday School projects

With the Preschoolers away for Spring Break, it was a good opportunity to complete some projects planned for our building's North Wing.

Highly efficient air conditioning and heat pump mini-splits were installed and relocated for classrooms 115 and 117 and the Preschool office, Room 109. This completes the replacement of failing, inefficient heating and cooling units in 11 individual rooms, which began in 2023. Along with classroom 107, which was replaced over the long MLK Holiday weekend, the installations and masonry repair totaled \$59,900 funded from our church operating reserves.

Flooring in rooms 106, 107 and 117 were also replaced using \$11,680 in Preschool funds with staff performing spot painting and removal of the old loft in room 117.

To further increase visibility and security during the week, a remotely operated video intercom lock was installed on the main Preschool entrance at session Door 6, near the playground. It is the same system used for doors 3 and 4 leading into the Gathering Place and Family Life Center hallway. The installation cost of \$4,207 was also paid with Preschool & Maintenance Endowment funds.

In addition to typical summer maintenance of power-washing, spot painting, mulching, weeding and carpet cleaning, we're working with the CUMC Preschool to improve the Rec Room in the North Wing basement, which is used for inclement weather recess. Stay tuned for updates in future issues of The Contact!

New South Wing Roof

Replacement of the flat and shingled 1980 South Wing roof, along with the Gathering Place skylights, has been scheduled in early summer to minimize impacts to Preschool Graduation on May 12 and Vacation Bible School on June 8-11.

Look for part of the Gathering Place to be blocked off near the Sanctuary doors starting May 13 to install the new skylight. During this time, plan to enter the Sanctuary from the Narthex at the back.

Depending on weather and contractor/material availability, you should expect to see equipment from mid- through late May and workers on site during the week. Please pardon any dust or debris, and thanks in advance for your patience as we improve and safeguard our beautiful church!

The estimated cost for this project is \$101,682, which is also funded with operating reserves. This year, large building projects are being funded through operating reserves, which will be replenished with Capital Campaign funds.

Heating and Cooling Long-Term Plan

Our church successfully applied for and was awarded a nearly \$25,000 matching grant from the Lilly Foundation's Center for Congregations. It is being used to fund an engineer's holistic review of our building and its 22 heating and cooling systems.

Advanced Engineering Consultants expects to complete Phase 1 of its review in June, which will help guide the implementation of our Capital Campaign projects.

Renovate & Elevate

Renovating Our Spaces, Elevating Our Future

Stay tuned for more information about our *Renovate & Elevate* Capital Campaign, which officially launches this May.

New members of our expanded Campaign team were commissioned during Sunday worship on April 13. These “ambassadors” are leading discussions with our small groups, which will be completed early this month. They include a video walkthrough of our building, with Pastor Tim describing the need for the Campaign and the incredible impact it will have on future ministry and discipleship.

The discussions help collect needed feedback and ask small group members to prayerfully consider “God, what do You want to do through me?”

Expect to be contacted individually this month, both by mail and by phone. More information about the Campaign will be shared by postal mail, and you’ll be called by a member of our Prayer Team, which is being formed.



We will be having a **Prayer Vigil on May 17, 2025 from 8am to 8pm in the Jack King Family Life Center**. A sign up sheet will be located at the welcome desk to sign up for a time slot, but if your schedule is uncertain, feel free to stop in and pray with us anytime during that day. For information, or to choose a time, contact Jackie Chandler at pastorpepper@att.net or Donna Skeens at donnaskeens@gmail.com

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Building a spiritual foundation rooted in prayer is critical to the Campaign’s success. Prayer Team members who are introduced during Sunday worship on May 4 will invite every church household into prayer and request joys and concerns.

Starting May 11, the Campaign will be a worship focus each Sunday. Pastor Tim’s sermon will touch on themes including gratitude, ministry, prayer, generosity and sacrifice. Lay members of our church will share their stories, and a Devotional Guide will also be distributed to our congregation.

A May filled with Campaign activities is building toward something big! Mark your calendar **for combined traditional and contemporary worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 8, followed by a lunch celebration in Family Life Center!** Nelsons BBQ from Northern Indiana will be catering chicken halves, pit-tatoes and more!

Look to this space in our June issue of The Contact newsletter for what to expect as our Campaign progresses. Thank you for your participation and support!

Prayer Vigil

May 17 - 8:00am to 8:00pm

in the Jack King Family Life Center

Sign up for a time slot

at the Welcome Desk

or you can show up anytime.



carmelumc.org/vbs



At True North, kids discover that they can trust Jesus in a wild world! True North is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.



JUNE 8-11, 2025

Sunday - Wednesday

6:00pm-8:30pm

**Age 5 by June 8, 2025 through
Current 4th graders**

**Leadership Training for current 5th
and 6th graders**

**Current 7th grade through adults
can Volunteer for stations & crew
leaders!**

**Childcare available for Infants
through Preschool so parents can
participate in VBS**



carmelumc.org/kids

Summer Adventure & Mission Week

June 16-19 | 8am-4pm

Current 5th and 6th Graders

Limited spots (25 students)

Cost: \$100

Registration is Open [*Click Here](#)

Questions? Email Brooke Weisner camps@carmelumc.org

MAY 2025

Wednesdays 3:30-5pm
OPEN GYM!

Thursdays 11:30am-12:30pm
Moms' Bible Study

Sunday May 18
Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday May 25
No Sunday School

OPEN GYM

Children's Ministry will be opening the GYM (or PLAYGROUND depending on weather) for parents and kids on

**WEDNESDAYS
in MAY**

from 3:30pm-5:00pm.

Please note: this is not a drop off event - responsible adult will need to stay!

Last Day before Summer is May 21, no open gym on May 28. See you at VBS in June!



SUMMER

Summer Sunday School Begins June 15

SUNDAY SCHOOL

& Childcare

*Thank
You*

Becca Frohardt
Aubrey Frohardt
Alayna Frohardt

Ed King
Matt Jones

Dave Coleman
Ken Evancic

Martha Zetzi
Katie Pilson
Karisa Laughlin
Sam Laughlin
Robin Jackson
Justine Jackson
Stephanie Holl
Paula Foster

Lisa Wallace
Laura Wager
Lila Franklin
EB Wallace

VOLUNTEER RETIREMENT

Thank you Ed King for
17 years of Sunday
School teaching!

Thank You

Last day of Regular Sunday School May 18
Summer Sunday School starts June 15

If you are interested in helping with Sunday School - lesson preparation, teaching, assisting, subbing - talk to Shaina Murphy!
smurphy@carmelumc.org or kids@carmelumc.org



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Ruth Anna
Circle

Meeting:
TUESDAY
May 13
11:00am
at the church
Program: Birthday Celebration

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Lydia Circle Call Out

WHEN: Tuesday May 13 at 6:30pm
WHERE: at Bru Burger Carmel

All women are welcome to join!
If you're looking to join a women's circle, please join us to discuss meeting dates & times and bring ideas or suggestions for what you would like Circle to look like.



Dinner Belles Tuesday May 13 at 6pm

We are meeting at church in the
Conference Room/Library
Kay is bringing sandwiches & chips!



CONTACT Kay Hapner - kayhapner@yahoo.com



Prayer Shawl Circle
EVERY TUESDAY

In the Gathering Place.
12:30pm-2:30pm

CONTACT:
Katie Kessler
gmacovi@aol.com
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Women's Bible Study
Every Wednesday
10am-11am
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM



Are you looking for a way to join in, but don't know where to start?
Send me an email, and I will be glad to help you join a group, or
form a new one! - [Pastor Jessica Stevens](mailto:jstevens@carmelumc.org)

SO MUCH FUN!!!

We had the **BEST** year at CUMC Preschool! As we close out our 2024-25 school year, we want to say **THANK YOU** for your continued support of our program. This was an amazing year for our preschoolers and we are so proud of how much they have grown this school year!

We say "SO LONG" to our 4's who will be heading off to Kindergarten and "See you Later" to our Bunnies, Ducks and 3's! To our families who will leave us this year, **THANK YOU** for trusting us with your most precious gifts!

From all of us at CUMC Preschool, we wish you a **VERY HAPPY SUMMER!!!**

REGISTRATION FOR 2025-26

Carmel UMC Preschool

We still have a few openings remaining in our BUNNIES class (18 mos.)

Contact Stephanie Holl at sholl@carmelumc.org if you would like to enroll your child.

carmelumc.org/preschool



If you or someone you know is interested in joining our CUMC Preschool family, please contact us at **317-844-1958** or Stephanie Holl at sholl@carmelumc.org. Information about our class offerings and registration process is on our website:

[carmelumc.org/preschool.](http://carmelumc.org/preschool)



Thank you to everyone who helped to make our preschool carnival a huge success! The brave souls who dared to be dunked helped to raise over \$400 and a huge cart full of cereal for the Food Pantry!

MISSIONS MINISTRY

Carol Outland • missions@carmelumc.org



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Keep an eye out for the FOOD PANTRY WEEKLY WEDNESDAY WANTS for things you can contribute to the shelves at the Food Pantry. These items are the ones that are MOST needed that week, but all donations are always welcome.

Please only donate refrigerated and frozen items during FOOD PANTRY OPEN HOURS, and be sure to hand directly to a volunteer.

All **SIMPLY GIVE** cards that are scanned until June 28 at the **CARMEL Meijer** will benefit the CUMC food Pantry. Tell everyone!!

GARDEN GROUP

Hooray for Spring! The Garden Group starts meeting on Thursdays throughout the summer. They meet every week, and if the weather is bad, they meet inside the food pantry to discuss garden needs for the upcoming week. Feel free to join the group any time. Our gardens require lots of tending. Many hands make light work! ♥ If you have questions or want to help on another day of the week, contact Stephanie Fairfield at sjfairfield@comcast.net

May is “Family Promise” Month

By Don & Carla Bennett

Homelessness can happen to anyone. It can be the result of the loss of a job, divorce, mental illness, addiction, large medical bills, an uninhabitable apartment or a variety of other reasons. It is more prevalent in Indianapolis because Indiana law favors landlords more than any other state. Because of these laws, Indianapolis has one of the highest number of evictions in the country. This is tragic because once a landlord brings an eviction proceeding against a person, that person will have an extremely difficult time finding a landlord who will lease him an apartment.

Family Promise’s goal is to assist homeless families in a way that will solve the immediate problem of homelessness and provide a path to self-sufficiency. The apartment shelter initiative is the primary program to accomplish that objective.

Currently, Family Promise has 20 apartments which it makes available to families for a period of 30-90 days. During that period, families receive a number of services including job counseling, budgeting, help with child care and school enrollment, arrangements for health care including physicals, immunizations, and mental health services. In many cases, if the



parents have stable income, they can take over the lease of that apartment after the trial period. Then the family is permitted to keep the furnishings in that apartment.

In other cases, the family moves to another location, usually because the parents want to be closer to a job or family. If a family chooses to stay in that Family Promise apartment, then the organization will lease another apartment and place a new family in that apartment.

CUMC supports Family Promise in four ways. First, once a year CUMC solicits household items (other than furniture) to furnish an apartment. Then CUMC volunteers set up an apartment using the donated items. Second, CUMC volunteers prepare and deliver a meal to a family once a week and this year November will be our meal delivery month. Typically, the volunteers who prepare the meal are not the same as the volunteers who deliver the meal. This program enables CUMC volunteers to have interaction with the family that we are helping. Third, during VBS, we collect gently used children’s books to be distributed to Family Promise children. Finally, CUMC provides financial support to Family Promise from its Missions Fund.



FAMILY PROMISE

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Loose coins will go directly towards **FAMILY PROMISE**, and anything that you specifically mark for Family Promise ("Family Promise" on the memo line or on the envelope). Thank you! ♥



One thing that motivates CUMC volunteers is that Family Promise has a phenomenal success rate: over 80% of families who complete the Family Promise program continue to be independent during the subsequent two years. This is truly life changing for a family that once was homeless.

In May, 2024, CUMC collected over 110 household items from 42 members to furnish a two-bedroom apartment. We filled every shelf in the Missions Closet! In addition, two CUMC families donated furniture to Mustard Seed, to be placed in future apartments. In July, 2024, ten CUMC volunteers loaded the Family Promise van as well as two cars to deliver goods to the apartment. Ron and Jeannine Williams joined the Bennetts to unload the vehicles and set up the apartment. An unhoused family moved into the apartment at the end of July.

We are looking forward to the CUMC apartment furnishings drive this May. A needy family is awaiting our donations!

Please click on this link to donate.

<https://qrco.de/bfw3QG>

Any questions?

Please contact Don or Carla Bennett.

317- 566-1421 (home)

carlabennett1947@gmail.com



Family Promise
of Greater Indianapolis



end of year party

It's time to celebrate an incredible year of youth ministry — and we're going out with a bang! On Sunday, May 18th from 6–8 PM, all middle and high school students are invited to an EPIC End of Year Blowout Party.

Get ready for an unforgettable evening packed with wild games, crazy challenges, tons of laughs, and plenty of food. We're pulling out all the stops to send this year off right.

Come dressed to get messy, bring your best energy, and prepare for some *serious* fun! Friends are welcome — the more the merrier!

Details:

- 🎯 May 18th | 6:00–8:00 PM
- 🎯 Open to all Middle and High School students
- 🎯 Dress for outdoor mess (and maybe bring a towel!)

Let's end the year the way we lived it: with laughter, community, and a little bit of holy chaos. See you there!

Summer Vibes



CROSS Missions: Serve Boldly This Summer!

May 31 – June 7 | Charlotte, NC

This summer, we're hitting the road to make a real difference! Students will travel from Carmel, IN, to Charlotte, NC, for **CROSS Missions** — an incredible week of serving those in need, building community, and growing in faith.

Each day, we'll partner with local organizations to tackle real challenges and love our neighbors through hands-on work. Whether it's preparing meals, organizing supplies, or connecting with those who often go unseen, you'll be part of something that truly matters.

Space is limited, and spots are filling fast!

Sign up today on the church website to reserve your place in this unforgettable experience.

Wilderness Trail: Adventure Awaits!

July 7 – July 12 | Appalachian Trail, Troutdale, VA


This July, we're trading sidewalks for trailheads and Wi-Fi for waterfalls. Students will head from Carmel, IN, to **Wilderness Trail** in Troutdale, VA, to **hike a portion of the legendary Appalachian Trail**.

This isn't just a hike — it's an experience of faith, community, grit, and wonder. On the trail, you'll unplug from the noise of everyday life and connect with God, nature, and each other in deeper ways than you ever imagined.

Ready to lace up your boots and take on the adventure?

Sign up now on the church website — space is limited and we don't want you to miss this!

Youth Leader Meeting on May 4th!
12pm in the HUB Cafe.



CONFIRMATION 2025



Here are just a few shots of a few of our students who were confirmed on April 26th, 2025. These students worked so hard over the last eight months as they learned more about God, their faith, and their church.



Circle City Ringers to perform in Sanctuary on May 28

By Will Wingfield

If you've ever experienced the rich, shimmering sound of handbells ringing in harmony, you know there's something uniquely joyful and sacred about it. One of the finest examples of this musical artistry can be found right here in Indianapolis: the **Circle City Ringers**, a community handbell ensemble that has been sharing their gifts with the region for nearly two decades.



They'll be sharing their gifts in our Sanctuary at **6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28**. Please come and enjoy!!

Following the concert, guests are invited to stay for a special reception featuring cake from **Tous Les Jours**. Known for their delicate, beautifully decorated cakes and unique fusion of French baking techniques with Korean flavors, Tous Les Jours offers desserts that are both elegant and comforting. From their light and airy strawberry cream cake to the rich chocolate ganache and fruit-topped sponge cakes, every bite is a work of art—just like the music you'll hear during the concert.

Circle City Ringers is made up of dedicated musicians from a variety of backgrounds, some with professional music training and others who discovered their love for handbells in churches just like ours. What unites them is a shared commitment to creating beauty through music and bringing people together in community and worship.

The ensemble is known for their dynamic repertoire, which spans classical works, sacred hymns, contemporary Christian music, and even popular movie

themes and Broadway hits. Whether performing at a church, a community event, or their much-anticipated annual concerts, the Circle City Ringers engage audiences of all ages with their joyful presence and musical precision.

One of their hallmark events is "**The Joy of Ringing Together**", held each year at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. This concert brings together bell choirs from around the region to celebrate the vibrant world of handbell music. With intricate rhythms, expressive dynamics, and coordinated choreography, each performance is a reminder of how music can uplift the spirit and draw us closer to the Divine.

At the heart of the Circle City Ringers is a spirit of collaboration. The ensemble often partners with local choirs, schools, and worship communities to bring the unique sound of handbells to broader audiences. They are also deeply committed to music education, offering workshops and mentoring opportunities to help new generations of ringers find their voice in this unique musical tradition.

For those who love the blend of tradition, precision, and joyful expression that handbell music offers, the Circle City Ringers are an inspiration. They remind us that when we each bring our gifts to the table—whether it's a G4 or a B-flat5—we create something truly greater than ourselves.

Let their music—and a slice of cake—be a reminder of the harmony we are called to create in our own lives, and the joy that comes from music and friends and family!

If you have questions, or if your group is interested in partnering with us for a music event, contact
[**DMorton@carmelumc.org**](mailto:DMorton@carmelumc.org)



CUMC Endowment Fund



*Remember the Past,
Help Build the Future*

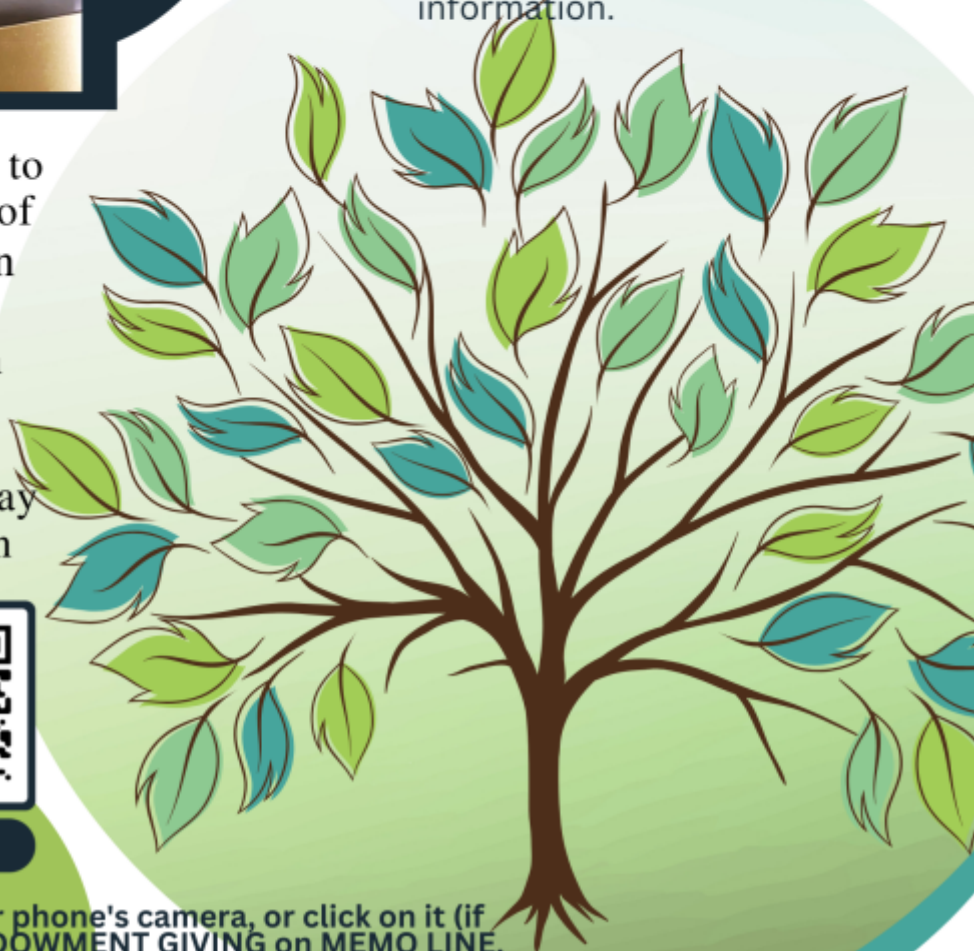


For more information about the CUMC Endowment Fund or if you would like to make a gift or participate in "Planned Giving" to the Fund through your will, trust, estate, life insurance, IRA, or other bequest, email: plannedgiving@carmelumc.org or pick up a booklet at the Welcome Center for more information.

Those who make gifts to the Endowment Fund of **≥ \$500** are offered an engraved leaf on the **Endowment Tree** in honor or memory of a loved one. The tree is located in the hallway north of the Narthex in the church.



Scan this QR code with your phone's camera, or click on it (if reading this online) & put **ENDOWMENT GIVING** on MEMO LINE.



Read more about how our Endowment Fund benefits the church on the next page.

Scan or click the QR code above to read more about the Endowment Fund and how it works.



Urgent Need Met to Replace the Fire Sprinkler Shut Off Valve!

One of the church's sprinkler system shut offs (over 30 years old) was frozen and could not be freed up by any means. Signs of corrosion were also a contributing factor. Since the shut off failed the Spring fire safety inspection it was critical to repair or replace this shut off valve immediately. After some negotiation the Trustees were able to get a quote of \$3,108 to repair/replace the valve. (See pictures.)



Old Valve



New Valve

The Endowment Committee approved the use of the **Rushlight Greatest Needs Fund** to pay for the expense. The Rushlight Greatest Needs fund is an unrestricted account in the Endowment Fund to be used for areas of significant need.

Planning for Retirement?

Consider a deferred Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)* that offers a charitable tax deduction at the time of your gift but with flexible start dates!

Features:

- Defer payments until your retirement and still receive a charitable deduction in the year of donation
- Receive fixed payments for life (no concerns about rollercoaster of the stock market) – you will receive larger payments the longer you wait to start making donations
- Fund your CGA with cash, stock or a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA (if age 70½ or older).

If you choose to include CUMC's Endowment Fund in your CGA, your gift will make an ongoing difference for years to come. Your connection with the church's ministries and/or missions goes beyond the present and becomes a part of you forever because **your gift works forever!**

**You should seek legal and/or tax advice from your professional advisors prior to making any planned gift (e.g. CGA).*

For more information about the Endowment Fund or if you would like to make a gift or participate in "Planned Giving" to the Fund through your will, trust, estate, life insurance, IRA, or other bequest, email: plannedgiving@carmelumc.org or pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center for more information.





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At Carmel UMC we are connecting with God and others, growing in faith and love through Biblical learning, and serving our community and world as followers of Jesus Christ.

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Renovating Our Spaces, Elevating Our Future

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